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Title: Method to Separate Ethanol From A Fermentation Broth☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Nr. of Sheets 11☒ Declaration: Date Signed: 12/11/2000☒ Drawing(s): Nr. of Sheets Enc.: Formal: 3 Informal: \_\_\_\_\_☒ Small Entity Declaration of Inventor(s) ☐ SED of Non-Inventor / Assignee / Licensee☐ Assignment enclosed with cover sheet and recordal fee; please record and return.☒ Check for \$ 345<sup>00</sup> for:☒ \$ 345<sup>00</sup> for filing fee (not more than three independent claims and twenty total claims are presented).☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ additional if Assignment is enclosed for recordal.☐ Disclosure Document Program reference letter.☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(i), applicant(s) claim priority of Provisional Patent Application Ser. Nr. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.☒ Return Receipt Postcard Addressed to Applicant #1.☒ **Request Under MPEP § 707.07(j):** The undersigned, a pro se applicant, respectfully requests that if the Examiner finds patentable subject matter disclosed in this application, but feels that Applicant's present claims are not entirely suitable, the Examiner draft one or more allowable claims for applicant.

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